

WAY CLEARED FOR RELATIONS WITH MEXICO

Wilson's Acceptance As Mediator For Armenia Makes Impression

COMMISSION TO DRAW UP NEW BASIS IS PROPOSED

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The way to resumption of full diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico apparently cleared today with the proposal from Secretary Colby for the appointment of commissioners by the two governments to draw up a treaty basis.

Colby's proposal embodied a letter to Robert Pesquera, Mexican confidential agent at Washington, declaring that a complete understanding had been reached between himself and Pesquera in their recent conversations and that there remained only to be given form to the treaty. Pesquera took the letter to Mexico City when he left here last week to attend the inauguration of President Obregon. This was disclosed when the secretary's letter was made public.

Colby declared his conversations with Pesquera left no reasonable doubt of the highly enlightened purpose that will actuate the present government of Mexico. He also asserted expressions contained in Pesquera's recent letter urging that the United States should ally itself with those who have acquired land titles in Mexico.

Barkeeper Refuses To Serve Whiskey; 2 Killed, 1 Injured

By Associated Press.
PASADENA, N. J., Dec. 1.—Two men were killed and one seriously wounded in a saloon here today, after a barkeeper had served beer to a patron who asked for whiskey.

After the barkeeper had refused to serve whiskey, the patron returned fifteen minutes later brandishing a revolver, demanding to be served whiskey. The shooting followed efforts to quiet him. Two patrons were killed.

EXPRESS COMPANY WILL ASK FOR HIGHER RATES

By Associated Press.
AUSTIN, Dec. 1.—The American Railway Express Company today notified the Texas Railroad Commission that it has applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for an order to put into effect a 13.5 per cent increase of intrastate rates which the Texas Commission refused. The increase would make the intrastate rates correspond to the advanced interstate rates the Interstate Commerce Commission granted.

Daily Panhandle Subscribers Get Feature Cartoons

Subscribers of The Daily Panhandle find three cartoon features that are highly enjoyable. These features appear regularly and ring true to life.

Will Rogers (himself), cowboy humorist, formerly of Oklahoma, writes jokes which are illustrated by Grove, a famous cartoonist. Home life is truly pictured by Altman in "doings of the Duffs." Just a glance at this cartoon regularly and see how often the scenes depicted are enacted in your own life.

"Otto Auto," by Gene Ahern, gives insights in the problems of an automobile driver or owner.

Read The Daily Panhandle regularly. You'll enjoy these cartoons along with many other features that are found in it exclusively.

GLIMPSES OF MAN OBREGON SHOW HIS CHARACTERISTICS

(N. E. A. Staff Special)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 1.—I am a farmer; I wish this was over so I could go back to my ranch. President Obregon used to tell his brother officers. When the revolution broke out General Obregon was a prosperous farmer at Huastilpan.

General Obregon lost his right arm above the elbow at Culaya in 1915. His forces had taken around in which Villa had planted mines. Suddenly there was an explosion and one of Obregon's arms flew off. At the hospital the next day he learned his men were becoming uneasy, so he left his bed and took personal charge again. Before this mishap Obregon was a fine physical specimen and an athlete.

Obregon's views on war are contained in these words: "War is a savage broken home, and if civilization is to endure, it must be eliminated as a measure of composing international quarrels and harmonizing international interests."

Obregon made his fortune by organizing the granjeno (peas) growers of Sonora and thereby causing them to demand better prices for their products. His organization was copied after the American farmers' marketing organizations in California. He not only made himself rich, but made all his neighbors prosperous.

President Obregon was once ordered shot by Pancho Villa. Obregon was sent to Chihuahua by General Carranza after the success of the Carranza revolution to try to induce Villa to take part in a meeting of generals at Mexico City. Villa received Obregon and his officers and arranged a big affair in their honor. As they were returning Villa had Obregon's train stopped at Bandon and returned to Chihuahua. Arriving at Villa's Palace, Villa told Obregon he was going to kill him. Obregon seemed so willing to die for the revolution that Villa finally decided not to let the squad he had sent for execute Obregon. Instead they took supper together and then Obregon danced the evening away.

At Culican in 1912, at a dinner given by Carranza, General Obregon entertained the guests by performing athletic stunts. Although a big man

Amarillo and Vicinity—Tonight and Thursday fair; slowly rising temperature.

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OBREGON IS TRUE LEADER OF MEN

NEW PRESIDENT CAME UP FROM RANKS; VIEWS OF LIFE SOUND

(By International News Service)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 1.—Like many successful men in the United States, General Alvaro Obregon, the new president of Mexico, is proud of the fact that he is a "self-made man." Intimate associates say that because he made his own way in the world and accumulated a fortune while still a young man his views of life are sound and sane. He has deep sympathy for the toiling classes, having been a wage-earner himself, but he believes that those who earn and save should be safe in their possessions, knowing from experience that the door of opportunity is open to every man who has patience, industry and intelligence.

Obregon was born in 1880 at Siquiliva, in the district of Alameda, State of Sonora. His boyhood was spent on a farm and he has, for that reason, always had a fondness for agricultural pursuits. The dream of his young manhood was to own a hacienda. This ambition he achieved before he was thirty years old.

Worked as a Mechanic.
Leaving his home when little more than a boy, he found work in the Alameda Sugar Refinery at Sinaloa. He remained with the sugar refinery for several years, working as a mechanic. Then he obtained a small railroad contract, making enough money to take a larger contract. In a short time he was a prosperous contractor.

When he had made money enough his thoughts turned to farming and he purchased the hacienda known as "La Quinta Chula," in Sonora. He was quietly running his farm in 1910 when Mexico's troubles began. He espoused the cause of Francisco I. Madero and was made a lieutenant-colonel in Madero's army.

Those who served with him at that time say that he showed a surprising knowledge of military matters and a genius for handling men, particularly the restless men who flocked to Madero's standard, who were the type of all of the revolutionary armies that have since passed on repudiated over the soil of Mexico.

But Obregon had little opportunity to prove his power of leadership. In a few months Madero had swept into the presidential chair, taking the place made vacant by the departure of Porfirio Diaz. Obregon accompanied Madero to Mexico City, but did not remain there long. After seeing the new government established he returned to his hacienda and resumed his work as farmer.

Then came the news of the assassination of President Madero and Vice-President Pino Suarez.

Was Made General.
This fired the peaceful farmer to renewed action. He joined the forces of General Carranza against President Victoriano Huerta, who took control of the government after the death of Madero. He was made a general and again showed his skill in handling and moving large bodies of men.

When Huerta was overthrown, General Obregon was made Minister of War in Carranza's cabinet, but Carranza's officials said they were watching the situation closely to see that American neutrality is not violated.

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MEXICAN PRESIDENT AND FAMILY



President Obregon and his family—upper left, Obregon; upper right, Mrs. Alvaro Obregon; lower, his two daughters: Señora Beatrice Obregon and Señora Laura Obregon.

INAUGURATION OF OBREGON IS BIG MEXICAN AFFAIR

By Associated Press.
EL PASO, Dec. 1.—Well wishers of Mexico who came on special trains from Arizona, New Mexico, California and Arizona to see General Obregon inaugurated president were among the closest at the front scene of activities at the capital at midnight when the general was declared president. According to telegrams received along the border, the messenger said the biggest patriotic demonstration Mexico ever saw followed the inauguration ceremony.

CONSPIRACIES AGAINST OBREGON ARE RUMORED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Rumors of anti-Obregon conspiracies in the northern part of Mexico along the border reached the state department today, officials said they are watching the situation closely to see that American neutrality is not violated.

DALLAS TELEPHONE COMPANY ATTEMPTS TO GET NEW RATES

By Associated Press.
DALLAS, Dec. 1.—While attorneys for the city were preparing to take the case to higher courts, the Dallas Telephone Company today began mailing bills to subscribers for the current month carrying increase of 100 per cent.

It is reported that the company has ordered telephones removed forthwith, while many it is understood, have planned to tender rentals at the old rates. In the event that their service is discontinued, they plan to enter suits for damages against the company.

Council for the city will appear before Federal Judge James C. Wilson, Fort Worth, to ask that a master of chancery be appointed to appoint all rates derived from the increased rate, pending the decision of the appeal to the United States Circuit Court at New Orleans, or that the telephone company be required to furnish a \$500,000 bond to protect the subscribers in the event that a higher court make a favorable decision.

The Dallas Telephone Company asserts that it is operating at a daily deficit of \$3,000 under the old rate. The city commission agreed to an increase of 50 per cent recently.

POKER PLAYERS GET HANDS CALLED FOR \$10 EACH IN COURT

Petroleum Moore and Chesshir evidently don't play poker. At any rate when they dropped in informally last night on a friendly session at the "national indoor sport" they did not take a hand at the game. Instead they cordially invited all six participants to adjourn to the police station.

Judge McKinnon this morning "called their hands" for ten dollars "called their hands" for ten dollars each.

Five other persons were guests of the city for a short time. They were charged with disturbing the peace. One was a woman and the other four were men. They were discharged after a lecture and a fine. A drunk was also fined by the judge.

TESTIMONY COMPLETED IN HARDEN DIVORCE CASE
Testimony in the case of Melvin M. Harden vs. Joe Harden, a suit for divorce, was completed this morning. Arguments are being heard this afternoon and the case will go to the jury late this afternoon.

LEAGUE DELEGATES ARE PLEASED WITH ACTION OF AMERICA

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
GENEVA, Dec. 1.—The council of the league of nations is drafting a letter to President Wilson accepting his offer to act as a mediator for Armenia. Wilson's note was received this morning and read to members of the council at 10:30 o'clock. It was received with the liveliest satisfaction.

It was announced this afternoon that Spain and Brazil had offered to join President Wilson in the role of Armenian mediators. President Wilson's acceptance created a great impression when it was announced. "Poor old Europe will feel less abandoned," was the remark a member of the French delegation made. The news gave the assembly great relief as the Armenian question had become the "bugbear" of the assembly.

AMERICAN HAS LONG ARTICLE ON THOMPSON

There was much speculation as to what form the mediation with Armenia would take. A. J. Balfour, leader of the British delegation, remarked that in order to negotiate anything, it will be necessary to offer Mustafa Kemal, leader of the Turkish nationalists, something, either money or territory. The council recalled Wilson's known opposition to the disposition made of some parts of the Turkish territory.

Lord Robert Cecil characterized the American President's acceptance a "big step toward the solution of one of the most serious problems before the assembly." He added: "Mr. Wilson's acceptance is commendable and worth best traditions of the United States, which always has been the friend of Armenia and taken the lead in alleviating her sufferings. The decision of President Wilson is not in any sense, from my point of view, political and cannot give encouragement to all those who wish to see the United States in the League. It simply is a natural development of the old humanitarian policy."

Refuses to Discuss Wood

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Secretary Baker today refused to discuss Geneva dispatches stating that Major General Leonard Wood had been mentioned as a possible selection on the League of Nations Armenia committee to lead the proposed campaign of the Armenians against Mustafa Kemal, Turkish nationalist leader.

Approves U. S. Delegate Plan

By Associated Press.
GENEVA, Dec. 1.—The council of the League of Nations has unanimously approved the invitation which the military commission drew up asking the United States to name a representative to sit on the commission. The subject of the election of an Armenian would be "greatly facilitated" if the United States would send a representative to sit in consultative capacity with the commission.

Austria's Entrance Favored

By Associated Press.
GENEVA, Dec. 1.—The commission for admission of new states has unanimously voted for Austria to become a member of the League of Nations. It is expected that the assembly of the league will ratify the action.

PRICE REDUCTION MOVEMENT IS SPREADING; RANGE CONDITIONS IN PANHANDLE MUCH IMPROVED

By Associated Press.
DALLAS, Dec. 1.—A further spread of the price reduction movement began early in the fall, is reported by the October business and industrial review. The livestock reserve fund, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas, Texas, reduction grant for the whole year on dry goods and wearing apparel, is reported not, now being passed on to the public, resulting in a stimulation of retail trade. A further shrinkage in wholesale trade, however, is reported.

A marked increase in unemployment is reported, both skilled and unskilled labor being affected. Building contracts launched during October were larger in number but smaller in value than those of September. Bank clearings were slightly in excess of those of September, but were below the amount recorded in October of last year.

Cotton Movement Heavy.
A heavily increased movement of cotton is reflected by the statistics of exports through the port of Galveston for October as compared with the previous month. Both receipts and exports for October were more than twice as large as those for the month of September.

Range Conditions Good.
Range conditions in Arizona, New Mexico, the Panhandle and Southwest Texas improved during October as the result of beneficial rains. The report

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Spooky Spasms